

**MINUTES OF THE
CAPITAL FACILITIES & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2010, 2 P.M.
Room 250 Capitol Building**

Members Present: Sen. Curtis Bramble, Co-Chair
Rep. Stephen Clark, Co-Chair
Sen. Wayne Niederhauser
Rep. Stephen Sandstrom
Rep. Laura Black
Rep. Janice Fisher
Rep. Craig Frank
Rep. Gage Froerer
Rep. Fred Hunsaker

Member Excused: Sen. Brent Goodfellow

Member Absent: Rep. Brad Dee

Staff Present: Richard Amon, Fiscal Analyst
Gary Ricks, Fiscal Analyst
Henry Liu, Committee Secretary

Speaker and Visitor List on File

Co-Chair Bramble called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

1. **Overview of Capital Developments** - Fiscal Analyst, Richard Amon highlighted 3 state funded project issues within Capital Development: 1) USTAR project requiring \$46 million to be bond authorization, 2) The Veteran nursing home \$12.6 - \$12.8 million to be reimbursed to the state by the federal government and 3) O&M funds of \$430,000 to be returned from Human Services, back into the budget.
2. **Building Board** - Chair Mel Sowerby of the Building Board, explained how the board developed Capital Development recommendation prioritization of buildings. There are 5 areas rated from 1 to 5, Mr. Sowerby explained. The 5 areas are life safety, program growth, cost effective solutions, program effectiveness and lastly the possibility of alternative funding.

Mr. Sowerby listed the first 10 projects on Capital Development's list: 1) Human Services State Hospital building, 2) UVU Health Science Building, 3) Dixie State Centennial Commons Building, 4) Corrections Gunnison 192 Bed Unit, 5) Ogden Juvenile Court House, 6) Agriculture Unified State Lab Module, 7) National Guard

Armories, 8) Public Safety State Emergency Operations Center, 9) U of U Critical Infrastructure and 10) Weber State Davis Campus Classroom Building.

3. **Board of Regents Comments** - Bill Sederburg, Commissioner of USHE explained the importance of adequate facilities in Higher Education and the ranking for the various education projects.

Mr. Sederburg explained the critical issue of raising money to support ongoing costs to operate facilities. The continued support by the Legislative of O&M funds is much needed.

The Board of Regents' outlined a list of buildings based on priority that need funding as followed: 1) Dixie State's need is centered around a commons and library, 2) Utah Valley College's growth in enrollment is in need for more space for it's students in the Health Science Building, 3) Salt Lake Community College's focus is on infrastructure and maintenance and 4) Weber State College's expanding student body is in need for more classroom buildings.

4. **U of U Critical Infrastructure** - Michael Young, President of the University of Utah and Cory Higgins explained infrastructure on campus. Mr. Young stated that the University has many old and outdated buildings that need funding to maintain the infrastructure.

Mr. Higgins outlined 2 critical infrastructure problems that need attention. First a high temperature, high pressure water system sent throughout campus through insulated steel pipes installed in the 60s and 70s, is corroding on the outside from water and elements. The size and cost of broken pipes are increasing. An estimated \$2 million is spent on repairs and an average of 10,000 gallons of treated and heated water is lost per day. Second the electrical distribution system which originates from 3 substations on campus is 60 years old and needs to be updated. \$10 million of the \$15 million request is going towards a replacement of one of the substations.

Mr. Young reminds the board O&M is not being requested.

5. **Veteran's Affair Nursing Home** - Dennis McFall presented the nursing facility, this is approximately 75,000 sq. ft. with 100 beds and 6 to 8 acres. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affair will share in the cost to construct this facility. The federal share is 65% or a little over \$11.3 million. The State of Utah's share is \$6.2 million. Complete ownership will rest with the State of Utah.

Sen. Bramble asked Mr. McFall about the expectations of the next Utah project on Federal reimbursement. Mr. McCall that it'll work the same way if the State funds the entire project but if the State puts up it's assurance of 35% the project will move to the Priority One list.

Sen. Bramble inquired whether or not the Ogden Nursing Home program received the same Federal cost-share as the Veteran's Affairs Nursing Home. Mr. McFall replied that it is the same, it's a 65/35 cost-share program.

MOTION: Sen. Robles moved to approve the minutes of 1/12 and 1/20.

Motion passed unanimously. 7-0-2 Rep. Froerer and Rep. Sandstorm absent from the vote.

6. **Human Services State Hospital Project** - Dallas Earnshaw, Superintendent explained 3 building will be demolished, the Youth Center, Beesley Building and Medical Services Building and will be replaced by a new Pediatrics and Medical Services Building. The cost of the project will be \$29.8 million.

Existing buildings are in extremely poor condition with frequent maintenance and repairs. Buildings do not meet current seismic, ADA, or life safety codes. New facilities will lower operating costs and save money on repairs.

7. **Utah Valley University Health Science Building** - Matthews Holland, President of UVU explained that the student body has grown 20% in 2 years, with a continued expansion of 35% to 2021. A million dollars worth of instruments can't be utilized due to no accommodating space. At the current size and scale of the space the student body only has 4 dedicated labs and an additional 2 labs are being built but not completed because the space is used for classroom space. Graduation is being put off for a year because there are no classes available.

UVU requested \$50.2 million for a 160,000 sq. ft. Health Science Building which is shovel ready.

8. **Corrections Gunnison 192 Bed Unit** - Mike Hadden, Deputy Director presented that the current male prison capacity has a maximum of 6,232 inmates and a operational capacity of 6,032. Mr. Hadden explained that the Department of Correction has no future beds available. The male inmate population as of 1/31/2010 is 5,983. Current growth rate for inmates average 11 per month, and funding for new facilities to house inmates is a need to the D.O.C.

9. **Dixie Centennial Commons Building** - Stephen Nadauld, President of Dixie explained that this is a \$48 million project. \$10 million will be privately donated and the amount of \$38 million is being requested. The Jeffrey R. Holland Centennial Common is 167,000 sq. ft; 47,000 sq. ft of that space is replacement space and 120,000 sq. ft is new space.

This is a multi-use building dedicated to student services such as financial aid, registration, advisement, testing etc. The digital learning center/library will provide,

classrooms, reference services, technical services and collections.

10. **Courts Ogden Juvenile Court House** - Alyn Lunceford, Facility Director began summarizing the current building to be replaced; it has 3 court rooms for 4 juvenile judges. The need for judges is based on the caseloads presented to judges by the board. Caseloads are increasing and in seriousness of the crimes, Mr. Lunceford explains because of this, bigger court rooms are needed for these crimes to be tried.

Another concern is the lobby which is small and with only 3 courtrooms for hearings; gangs, the accused, witness and victims all congregate in a small area, which prevents a security risk.

Mr. Lunceford is requesting \$26,302,150 for the courthouse.

11. **Agriculture Unified State Lab Module** - Leanard Blackham Commissioner of the UDAF, Kyle Stephens and Patrick Luedtke presented a second phase of a building project for public health. The facility will ensure safety of berry, meat and food products. The facility will conduct confirmatory testing on disease outbreaks both in humans and in animals, confirmatory testing in water and soil and the capacity to participate in biological and chemical terrorist testing in conjunction with the Health Department.

The current building has a shortage of space and outdated equipment. Space is small and limited and large instruments need to be carted by hand. Safety is a growing concern.

The project gross square feet is 59,000 and the estimated cost is \$27.9 million.

12. **National Guard Armories Upgrades and Repairs** - Colonel Scott Olson explained that the armories in Ogden, Logan, Cedar City and Beaver are in need of renovations. Maintenance such as: exterior and interior structural damage, non-energy efficient windows, roofs, ceilings, severely damaged ducts, exterior concrete damages, damaged mechanical systems, etc.

Colonel Olsen is requesting funds to maintain and extend the National Guard program.

13. **Public Safety State Emergency Operation Center** - Kris Hamlet, Deputy Director explained the ECO plays a commanding role in the State of Utah when planned events and natural disasters happen. In an event the ECO will come together with multiple departments: Department of Health, UDOT, National Guard, Agriculture and Food, and Environmental Quality.

Currently the ECO is located in a basement; because of this, FEMA doesn't recognize ECO as an organization but a command center. Because the Utah EOC lacks sleeping

quarters, kitchen facilities, backup water system and the ability to operate 24 hour operations for a long period of time, Utah ECO doesn't qualify for ECO grant funding.

Growth requirements of the ECO as Mr. Hamlet explained are, a facility of 32,000 sq. ft., 3 to 4 acres of land, full-time joint information center and call center. The projected cost by DFCM for the facility is just under \$13 million.

14. **Weber State Davis Campus Classroom Building** - Ann Millner, President WSU and Norm Tarbox spoke on the Weber State Davis campus project. Mr. Tarbox explained that Weber State will support Northern Utah Aerospace and education to grow jobs. WSU also partnered with Northern Utah Academy for Math Engineering Sciences (NUAMES) to strengthen WSU's student body but mainly to use NAMES' portables for WSU increasing student body.

The total cost of the project will be \$45,742,000 for 121,000 square feet to increase the classrooms at WSU.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. by Co-Chair Bramble.

The minutes were reported by Henry Liu Committee Secretary.

Sen. Curtis Bramble _____ Rep. Stephen Clark _____